

11E Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 85, line 5 and ending at line 12. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

-- The toner supply container supplies, into the main assembly of the apparatus from the toner supply port, the toner accommodated in the toner accommodating portion by the toner feeding member in accordance with consumption of the toner in the main assembly of the apparatus, when the toner supply container is detachably mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 38, as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 38 showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

37. (Unamended) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

- a main body for accommodating toner;
- an opening, provided in said main body, for permitting discharge of the toner;
- a capping member for capping said opening; and

an engaging member slidably movable relative to said capping member (to open and close said opening by relative movement of said capping member relative to said main body,)

wherein when said opening is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, an engagement between said capping member and said engaging member is maintained.

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38. (Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 37, wherein said capping member is provided with a hole fitted by a shaft of said engaging member for sliding relative to the shaft, and when the hole is fitted around the shaft.

39. (Unamended) A toner supply container according to Claim 37 or 38, wherein said engaging portion is provided with a feeding portion for feeding the toner in said main body toward said opening.

REMARKS

Summary

The Office Action rejects independent Claim 37¹, citing the Ichikawa, et al. patent to show a collet chuck 30 as the claimed engaging member. But Claim 37 recites a toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising an engaging member, while the Ichikawa, et al. patent does not disclose the collet chuck 30 to

¹/ Although paragraph 2 of the Office Action rejects "Claim 36" over the Ichikawa, et al. patent, Applicants assume that this is a typographical error and should read --Claim 37--, since Claim 36 was canceled in the February 19, 2001 Amendment and since Claim 37 is the only pending independent claim.